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1. During December 1948, the 20 Brigade of the Rebel Army was reportedly augmented by some 830 men. Of these, approximately 700 were from the Paikon, Pierria and Beles areas, and about 130 came from Salonika.
2. As a result of this increase, 20 Brigade numbered approximately 1,940 men on 1 January 1949, composed as follows:

	<u>Approximate strength</u>
Two infantry battalions in Khalkhidiki	500
One infantry battalion in Nigrita	250
One infantry battalion in the Salonika area	320
One artillery squadron in the Kroussia area equipped with 4 x 75 mm and 6 x 65 mm guns	200
One cavalry squadron in Kroussia area	220
One anti-tank squadron in Kroussia area	150
One battalion of saboteurs and independent snipers, including an intelligence group (Note: 35 men of this battalion are in Salonika)	130
One transport company equipped with 250 mules and horses	120
Naval base with two motor-skiffs and four dinghies	50
	<u>1,940</u>

3. In this connection, it is also reported that at the beginning of January 1949, KKE sabotage and intelligence networks in Salonika consisted of:

Saboteurs (35 of whom belong to 20 Brigade)	45
Intelligence sources	33
Members of protection groups and "yafka-keepers"	42
	<u>120</u>

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